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SUBJECT: REPORT OF INM-FUNDED PROGRAM ACTIVITY -
BOLIVIA - (MARCH 1992)
1. (U) SUMMARY
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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

-- MAJOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT OPERATION LAUNCHED;

-- POSITIVE CHANGES IN KEY NARCOTICS PORTFOLIOS;

-- COCA PRICES STAY UP;

-- SEIZURE STATISTICS (MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE);

-- AVIATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS;

-- PROGRAM REPORTS;

-- HIVERINE STATISTICS.

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2. (U) MAJOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OPERATION LAUNCHED
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BOLIVIAN RURAL MOBILE POLICE (UMOPAR) AND U.S. SNOWCAP PERSONNEL INITIATED THE FIRST, SUSTAINED, REGION-WIDE COUNTERNARCOTICS OPERATION IN THE CHAPARE REGION ON 24 MARCH. THE OPERATION, NAMED "GHOST ZONE," IS INTENDED TO SEAL THE CHAPARE AGAINST ILLICIT DRUG OPERATIONS BY PREVENTING THE PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND TRANSSHIPMENT OF ILLEGAL COCAINE PRODUCTS. OVER 700 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WILL BE EMPLOYED IN THE OPERATION FOR A PERIOD

OF UP TO SIX MONTHS. THE OPERATION WILL INCLUDE THE USE OF AIR ASSETS IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTERDICT FLIGHTS OF COCAINE PRODUCTS FROM THE CHAPARE TO PROCESSING SITES IN OTHER AREAS, ESPECIALLY IN THE BENI DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, UMOPAR AND NATIONAL POLICE OPERATIVES WILL BE DEPLOYED TO NEW GARRISONS SITUATED IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. INITIAL RESULTS WERE QUITE POSITIVE AS OVER 100 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED AND SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF COCAINE PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND ARMS AND AMMUNITION WERE CONFISCATED.

3. (U) CHANGES IN KEY NARCOTICS CONTROL PORTFOLIOS

THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA (GOB) SHUFFLED ITS CABINET MINISTERS AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL FUNCTIONARIES DURING MARCH. SEVERAL POSITIONS ARE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS HERE. IN THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY, WHICH CONTROLS COCA ERADICATION AND RELATED ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, SUBSECRETARY OSWALDO ANTEZANA HAS REPLACED MAURO BERTERO AS MINISTER. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL JORGE SALINAS, IN TURN, HAS REPLACED ANTEZANA IN THE SUBSECRETARY SLOT. FINALLY, AND PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, NARCOTICS AFFAIRS SECTION (NAS) ADVISOR TO THE BOLIVIAN COCA REDUCTION AGENCY, DIRECO, HAS FILLED THE VACANT DIRECO DIRECTORSHIP. THE PREVIOUS DIRECTOR RESIGNED UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE EMBASSY. ALL THREE OF THE NEW

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APPOINTEES ARE PROVEN TECHNOCRATS WHO HAVE WORKED COOPERATIVELY WITH THE MISSION IN THE PAST. WE LOOK FORWARD, PARTICULARLY, TO INCREASED INFLUENCE IN AND PRODUCTION FROM DIRECO IN THE FUTURE.

4. (U) COCA PRICE STAYS UP

COCA PRICES CONTINUED AT HIGH LEVELS FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT MONTH. THE AVERAGE PRICE OF COCA LEAF ADVANCED TO 177.1 BOLIVIANOS (US DOLLARS 46.5) FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH--- WELL ABOVE THE 100 BOLIVIANO BREAK EVEN LEVEL. POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RECORD FLOOD CONDITIONS IN SOME AREAS, APPEARED TO BE THE PRIMARY CAUSE FOR THE HIGH PRICE LEVELS. THE WET WEATHER HAMPERED HARVESTING AND MARKETING ACTIVITIES AND DROVE UP PRICES FOR THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF COCA REACHING THE MARKET. EFFECTIVE COCA CONTROL EFFORTS BY THE COCA REGULATION AGENCY, DINACO, AND OPERATION GHOST ZONE RESULTS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RESTRICTED SUPPLY OF

COCA LEAF. NOTE THE PRICES ARE IN BOLIVIANOS WITH DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS IN PARENTHESES. CURRENTLY, 3.81 BOLIVIANOS EQUALS ONE US. DOLLAR.

MONTH	SINAHOTA	IVIRGARZAMA	ETERAMAZAMA
DEC 1991	80.00 (21.26)	130.00 (36.31)	90.00 (24.05)
- 1990	50-00 (14.70)	S0-00 (14.70)	55.00 (16.20)
- 1989	52.61 (17.83)	41.74 (14.15)	73.48 (24.91)
JAN 1992	110.00 (29.18)	110.00 (29.18)	70.00 (18.57)
- 1991	91.61 (26.55)	80.32 (23.28)	81.45 (23.61)
- 1990	40.48 (13.49)	31.77 (10.59)	58.06 (19.35)
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FEB 1992	161.03 (42.49)	150.69 (39.76)	131.29 (34.64)
- 1991	198.57 (56.57)	185.36 (52.81)	168.21 (47.92)
- 1990	35.00 (11.55)	28.04 (9.25)	43.57 (14.38)
MAR 1992	185.74 (48.75)	168.15 (44.13)	177.41 (44.13)
1991	254.60 (72.54)	234.40 (66.78)	229.20 (65.30)
1990	37.53 (12.20)	29.35 (9.63)	41.61 (13.51)

CUMULATIVE REDUCTION STATISTICS AS REPORTED BY DIRECO

(FIGURES ARE IN HECTARES)

MONTH	CY 92	CY 91	CUMULATIVE CY 92	CUMULATIVE OVERALL
TOTAL FROM 9/1/87 TO 12/31/91				18,596.3
JANUARY	523.9	751.1	523.9	19,120.2
FEBRUARY	359.8	465.7	883.7	19,480.0
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MARCH	359.8	225.2	1,243.5	19,839.8

CY 1992 ERADICATION BY CATEGORY

MONTH	COMPENSATED	UNCOMPENSATED	MONTHLY TOTAL
TOTAL 1991	4,662.6	824.1	5,486.7
JANUARY	495.2	28.7	523.9
FEBRUARY	344.6	15.2	359.8
MARCH	344.6	15.2	359.8

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5. (U) ERADICATION OF COCA SEEDBEDS

THE COCA CONTROL LAW MAKES CULTIVATION OF COCA SEEDBEDS BY PRIVATE PERSONS ILLEGAL. WHEN ENCOUNTERED, THEY MUST BE ERADICATED WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR THE GROWER ON WHOSE LAND THEY ARE FOUND IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY ERADICATION OF MATURE COCA. DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 769.0 SQ. METERS OF COCA SEEDBEDS WERE ERADICATED. SEEDBED ERADICATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TOTALS FOR ERADICATION OF STANDING COCA.

MONTH	SEEDBEDS (SQ. M.)	CUMULATIVE REDUCTION ANNUAL	SINCE 10/88
JANUARY 1991	4,667.6	4,667.6	70,000.6
FEBRUARY	2,832.0	7,499.6	72,832.6
MARCH	1,172.0	8,671.6	74,004.6
APRIL	1,350.5	10,022.1	75,355.1
MAY	1,164.0	11,186.1	76,519.1
JUNE	178.0	11,364.1	76,697.0
JULY	9,813.5	21,167.6	86,500.5
AUGUST	7,228.0	28,395.6	93,728.5
SEPTEMBER	2,501.0	30,896.6	96,229.5
OCTOBER	3,289.5	34,186.1	99,519.0
NOVEMBER	1,815.0	36,001.1	101,334.0
DECEMBER	2,045.0	38,046.1	103,379.0
JANUARY 1992	2,322.5	2,322.5	105,701.5
FEBRUARY	1,409.5	3,732.0	107,111.0
MARCH	769.0	4,501.0	107,880.0

6. (U) 1992 CUMULATIVE SEIZURE STATISTICS REPORTED BY DEA

THE FOLLOWING TABLE HAS BEEN COMPILED BASED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE AND FROM RE
PORTS MADE BY DEA FOLLOWING AN ANALYTICAL
COMPARISON OF THE TWO FOR THE FOUR WEEK PERIOD MARCH 1

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NARCOTICS	MARCH	CY 1992 YTD	CY 91

COCAINE HCL (KG)	81.3	186.1	7.4
COCAINE BASE (KG)	421.5	1,667.5	472.2
COCAINE PASTE (KG)	6.0	7.0	903.1
AGUA RICA (L)	2,176.0	6,147.0	3,350.0
-PASTE EQUIV.(KG)	580.3	1,639.0	893.3
AGUA RICA (BASE)	5,111.0	16,935.0	N/A
-BASE EQUIV.(KG)	5,111.0	16,935.0	N/A
COCA LEAF (LB)	16,806.0	82,740.0	7,750.0
LABORATORIES			
HCL:	2	5	1
BASE:	31	133	2
PASTE:	104	349	94
ARRESTS:	233	343	68
EQUIPMENT			
AIRCRAFT:	1	9	0
VEHICLES:	3	11	4
GENERATORS:	1	3	0
ARMS:	10	11	N/A
CHEMICALS			
ETHER (L)	8.0	498.0	.48
ACETONE (L)	142.0	1,388.0	1.83
SULFURIC ACID (L)	880.0	2,864.7	1.51
BICARBONATE (KG)	585.0	1,260.5	3,096.50
LIME (KG)	9,528.1	19,244.6	3,538.90

7. (U) AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAM

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I. (U) PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS -

(A) THE CN AIR PROGRAMS EXPERIENCED THEIR FIRST AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT WITH AN AIRCRAFT DEDICATED TO THE CN FIGHT, WITH OVER 23,000 ACCIDENT FREE FLYING HOURS (PC 7, C130B, C47, C206, UH-1H). A CESSNA 206 CRASHED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LAND IN ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN CHIMORE (REFTEL LA PAZ 004667).

(B) THE AIR PROGRAMS SURGE FOR OPERATION "GHOST ZONE," THE LARGEST CN OPERATION EVER ATTEMPTED IN SOUTH AMERICA, BEGAN ON 27 MAR 92.

(C) RDTF UH-1H MISSION CAPABLE RATE CONTINUED ON A HIGH PACE FOR MARCH AT 85 PERCENT, THE FOURTH MONTH IN A ROW OVER 80 PERCENT.

(D) UH-1H NONMISSION CAPABLE RATE CONTINUED EXTREMELY LOW AT 2 PERCENT, IN LARGE PART DUE TO 506(A)(2) REPAIR PARTS.

(E) 11 RDTF UH-1H MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WERE UNDERGOING TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES.

(F) FIRST OPERATIONAL USE OF THE PC7 COMMENCED 28 MAR 92. RESULTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN BETTER THAN EXPECTED.

(G) A 9000 GALLON CAPACITY JETA REFUELING SYSTEM IS NOW OPERATIONAL IN SANTA ANA.
(H) SIGNIFICANT UPGRADE OF CHIMORE AIRFIELD OCCURRED IN MARCH: AN ADDITIONAL 800 METERS OF THE CHIMORE AIRSTRIP WAS OPENED. THE AIRSTRIP IS DIRT AND GRAVEL, AND 1600 METERS LONG. AN NDB IS NOW OPERATIONAL ON FREQUENCY 315 AND THE ROTATING BEACON IS ALSO OPERATIONAL.

II. (U) FLIGHT HOUR USAGE -

UH-1H

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	170.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	233.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	52.2	20.7	26.3	44.9	9.5	23.5
TOTAL	455.7	20.7	26.3	44.9	9.5	23.5

TOTAL FOR MARCH 580.6

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CESSNA

OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
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TRINIDAD	83.9	2.0	.7	17.5	1.6	0.0
CHIMORE	49.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	7.6	0.0	0.0,	0.0	0.0	2.6
TOTAL	14.0	2.0	0.7	17.5	1.6	2.6

TOTAL FOR MARCH 165.4

8. (U COMPARATIVE OPERATIONAL READINESS RATE AND HOURS:

I. (U) UH-1H HELICOPTERS:

MONTH	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1991	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1992	HOURS FLOWN 1991	HOURS FLOWN 1992
JANUARY	74.8	83.0	188.0	296.3
FEBRUARY	83.0	84.0	377.0	617.1
MARCH	74.2	85.0	338.0	580.6
APRIL	77.3		441.0	
MAY	74.2		512.0	
JUNE	84.0		525.0	
JULY	70.0		381.0	
AUGUST	71.0		508.7	
SEPTEMBER	74.0		435.3	
OCTOBER	63.0		339.0	
NOVEMBER	72.0		417.4	
DECEMBER	87.0		446.5	

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II. (U) CESSNA 206:

MONTH	HOURS FLOWN 1991	HOURS FLOWN 1992	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1991	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1992
JANUARY	54.0	106.9	90.0	92.0
FEBRUARY	50.0	63.1	89.0	69.0
MARCH	40.0	165.4	85.0	99-0

APRIL	108.0	95.0
MAY	149.0	98.0
JUNE	150.0	96.0
JULY	99.0	81.0
AUGUST	71.0	79.0
SEPTEMBER	84.0	82.0
OCTOBER	148.0	87.0
NOVEMBER	163.0	94.0
DECEMBER	134.0	98.0

9. (U) MAINTENANCE:

	UH-1H	C 206
MISSION CAPABLE	85	99.0
NONMISSION CAPABLE MAINTENANCE	13	1.0
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NONMISSION CAPABLE SUPPLY	2	0.0
TOTAL HOURS	580.6	165.4
HOURS PER AIRFRAME	26.4	55.1
ACCIDENT FREE HOURS	19,147	92.0

10. (U) DYN CORP PERSONNEL SUPPORT (SNAPSHOT 29 FEB 92):

POSITION	ON HAND	AUTHORIZED	REQUIRED	FILL RATE OF AUTH (PERCENTAGE)
STATION MANAGER	1	1	1	100
SEC	1	1	1	100
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	1	1	1	100
LOGISTICS	2	2	2	100
DATA ENTRY	1	1	1	100
QUALITY CONTROL/ - MECHANICS	7	7	8	100
TOTAL	13	13	14	100

2 QUALITY CONTROL/MECHANICS ARRIVED IN MARCH TO BRING US TO OUR FULL CONTRACT COMPLEMENT (9 MONTHS AFTER CONTRACT START).

11. (U) PILOTS AVAILABLE TO THE RDTF:

	UH-1H	CESSNA 206	RDTF
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	3	3	6
PILOTS-IN-COMMAND	23	3	26
PILOTS	23	7	30
STUDENT PILOTS	8	0	8

TOTAL PILOTS	57	13	70
TOTAL FLIGHT CREWS	24	6	30
TOTAL AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED	22	2	24

12. (U) OTHER CN AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS:

(A) C130B: A THIRD C130B ARRIVED IN MARCH. THEY HAVE FLOWN OVER 1000 HOURS ACCIDENT FREE IN SUPPORT OF NARCO-TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS.

(B) PC 7: FIRST OPERATIONAL USE OCCURRED IN OPERATION GHOST ZONE. 8 PILOTS ARE MISSION QUALIFIED.

(C) C47: C47 REQUIRED AN ENGINE CHANGE OUT THIS MONTH WHICH HAS LIMITED ITS AVAILABILITY. PILOT TRAINING AND LIMITED LOGISTICAL OPERATIONS ARE ONGOING.

PARAGRAPHS 14 THRU 15 ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
13. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE WLE PROGRAM ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1992 FOLLOWS:

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TASK FORCES OPS	SORTIES/ HRS	TRNG	LOGTS	SORTIES MAINT
	HOURS			DAYS
TRINIDAD	42/2112	00	7	27
PUERTO VILLARROEL	10/122			
4	00	1	00	
RIBERALTA	00/00	864	16	06
GUAYARAMERIN	15/1920	00	1	11
SUPPORT VESSELS				
MS-341	1/480	0	0	05
MS-223	1/408	0	0	08
MS-224	4/624	0	0	05
ALVIA	0/00	0	0	31

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.I. EMPLOYMENT MISSIONS

TASK FORCES	BOARDINGS	BLOCKADES	LAND INSERTS	LISTENING OPS
TRINIDAD	35	37	0172	35
PUERTO VILLARROEL	61	30	42	15
RIBERALTA	0	0	0	0

(THIS FOB WAS NOT MANNED BY USCG SNOWCAP FORCES THIS PERIOD)

GUAYARAMERIN	36	0	75	1

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR WLE PROGRAM AS REPORTED BY DEA SNOWCAP:

ARRESTS	05
HCL	10.3 KG
BASE	6.7 KG
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE	20.5 KG
RIFLES	02

14. (CONFIDENTIAL) PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE BOLIVIAN RIVERINE TASK FORCE (RTF) AS OF MARCH 31, 1992:

TASK FORCES	OFFICIALS	SUB-OFFICIALS	SERGEANTS
TRINIDAD RTF HDQTS	04	04	00

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TRINIDAD	04	07	01
PUERTO VILLARROEL	04	04	04
RIBERALTA	04	03	05
GUAYARAMERIN	06	04	08
SUPPORT VESSELS	03	02	02

15. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

(A) A CONTINUED HIGH LEVEL OF OPERATIONS WAS SUSTAINED BY WLE FORCES DURING THE PERIOD. A TOTAL OF 5,256 BOAT HOURS WERE CONDUCTED BY PATROL BOATS OPERATING EITHER

INDEPENDENTLY OR IN TANDEM WITH SUPPORT VESSEL-AIDED OPERATIONS. ALSO, 132 MARITIME BOARDINGS WERE CONDUCTED. THE WLE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS IN ATTAINING SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS BY THE BOLIVIANS. TWO SEPARATE SUPPORT VESSEL OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE MONTH WITHOUT THE DIRECT OVERSIGHT OF U.S. ADVISORS. DURING THE CONDUCT OF THESE PATROLS, THE BOLIVIANS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED ALL IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THEMISSION INCLUDING INFORMATION GATHERING, BOARDINGS, AND INSERTIONS AGAINST LAND-BASED TARGETS.

(B) WLE FORCES EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT PREPARING FOR THE RIVERINE PORTION OF OPERATION GHOST ZONE DURING THIS PERIOD. THE OPERATION REQUIRED THE LONG-TERM ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO RIVERSIDE OPERATING BASES WITHIN GHOST ZONE'S REGION AND THE CONCENTRATION OF WLE PERSONNEL AND ASSETS FROM OTHER BASES.
(C) U.S. COAST GUARD MEMBERS OF SNOWCAP MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE PRESENCE AT THREE OPERATING BASES (TRINIDAD, PUERTO VILLARROEL, AND GUAYARAMERIN) DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH AND DID EXTENSIVE PREPARATION WORK FOR OPERATION GHOST ZONE OUT OF THE CHIMORE BASE CAMP. THEY PROVIDED ADVICE AND COUNSEL TO BOLIVIAN TASK FORCE MEMBERS ON OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICS PLANNING. DURING THIS PERIOD, USCG SNOWCAP MEMBERS ASSISTED THE BOLIVIAN RTF IN CONDUCTING LONG-TERM OPERATIONAL PATROLS UTILIZING A COMBINED SUPPORT VESSEL/PATROL BOAT CONCEPT AND ALSO SUPERVISED THE PREPARATIONS FOR OPERATION GHOST ZONE. OPERATIONAL MISSION PLANNING INCLUDED THE SELECTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO SEMI-PERMANENT FOB'S FOR GHOST ZONE WITH ALL ATTENDANT LOGISTICS PREPARATIONS. OTHER TASKS THEY COMPLETED INCLUDED: BOAT ENGINE SWITCH-OUTS, PREPARATION OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, OUTBOARD MAINTENANCE, AND EXTENSIVE TESTS OF HF COMMUNICATIONS NETS.

USCG MEMBERS ALSO CONDUCTED FORMAL TRAINING IN FOLLOWING AREAS:
SMALL-ENGINE REPAIR, MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARDING TRAINING, SEAMANSHIP, AND SUPPLY PROCEDURES.

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(D)
U.S. NAVY MTT MEMBERS, WHO WERE DEPLOYED TO GUAYARAMERIN, RIBERALTA, AND TRINIDAD, CONDUCTED FORMAL ZODIAC TRAINING DURING THIS PERIOD WITH UMOPAR WLE FORCES. ADDITIONALLY, MTT MEMBERS TRAINED THE BOLIVIANS IN PATROL BOAT INSERTION AND EXTRACTION METHODS, SMALL ARMS TRAINING, AND BASIC BOAT HANDLING TECHNIQUES.

(E) OF PARTICULAR NOTE DURING THIS PERIOD WAS THE

CONTRIBUTIONS WLE FORCES MADE IN THE EFFORT TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF TRINIDAD AND THE SURROUNDING REGION DURING THE WORST FLOODING THIS REGION HAD SEEN IN APPROXIMATELY 50 YEARS. WLE FORCES HELPED RESCUE STRANDED PEOPLE AND DISTRIBUTED FOOD TO OUTLYING AREAS. THEY ALSO ASSISTED IN CIVIC ASSIST ACTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF TRINIDAD.
16. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
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(A) WATER LAW ENFORCEMENT (WLE): WLE ELEMENTS WERE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE BENI REGION. THE MAMORE RIVER FLOODED, CAUSING WIDESPREAD DAMAGE AND DISRUPTIONS TO LOCAL COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS. IN ADDITION, WLE CONTINUED ROUTINE ACTIVITES, COMPLETING BARRACKS UPGRADES FOR THE BLUE DEVILS TASK FORCE IN TRINDAD AND GUAYAMERIN. NARCOTICS INTERDICTION ACTIVITES DETECED THE PRESENCE OF UNSUALLY LARGE AMOUNTS OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS ON RIVERINE TRAFFICK.

(B) GROUND OPERATIONS: ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON PROVIDING THE LARGE-SCALE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN OPERATION "GHOST ZONE" IN THE CHAPARE. NAS POSITIONED OVER 130 TONS OF SUPPLIES IN THE CHAPARE TO SUPPORT THIS LARGE-SCALE COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORT. ASIDE FROM PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION, FUEL AND FIELD GEAR, A MAJOR EFFORT WAS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FOOD FOR THEAUGMENTED SECURITY FORCES OPERATING IN THE CHAPARE AS IN ANY MAJOR SNOWCAP-UMOPAR OPERATION, NAS LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THESE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.
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